REMARKS

The Applicants acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of the Advisory Action mailed October 13, 2005 and Office Action mailed May 16, 2005, and completion of the personal interview of July 26, 2005. The Examiner's insights and observations are appreciated, and have been incorporated into the subject, proposed response. The proposed response seeks to cancel previous claims 1-38, and substitute new claims 39-72 therefor.

ALL NEW CLAIMS ARE PATENTABLY DISTINCT OVER THE ART OF RECORD

The base reference, Rosen, U.S. Publication No. 2003/0048473, is directed to a system wherein a device driver is stored in a printer. The printer notifies a computing device that the device driver is available, which device driver is loaded on the computing device upon request therefrom. Rosen teaches a system for "automatically communicating the built-in device driver to the computing device." Thus, the "user of the computing device is not required to locate, install or configure a device driver before using the printing device." See page 1, paragraph 0009. Conversely, the system of the present application provides for generation of a graphical user interface on an associated workstation, allowing a user to select a driver for download and installation. This is reflected in each of the proposed, substitute claims. By way of example, proposed Claim 39 includes means for generating a graphical user interface evidencing the availability of a device driver. Selection made via this graphical user interface allows for selection and installation of this driver. This is far removed from the automatic driver installation taught by Rosen.

Additional limitations further included in the dependent claims are also not found in Rosen. By way of example, proposed claim 40 adds limitations allowing for communication of alternative driver information for viewing and selection by a user. Claim 41 is denotes an ability to selected an earlier driver version. Thus, a user is provided with an ability to roll back a driver to an earlier version in situations such as wherein a new driver has resulted in problems.

In view of the forgoing, it will be appreciated that all proposed claims include limitations that are not in any reading of Rosen. Indeed, Rosen teaches away from a user-directed driver installation as claimed.

Slivka, et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,256,668, is directed to a remote software update procedure. The patent is not directed to installation of device drivers. It functions by ascertaining software versions installed on a remote computer, a determination as to which software has available updates, and a communication as to the newer versions to the remote computer for installation thereof. Conversely, as

exemplified by proposed Claim 39, the subject application communicates driver availability to an associated user. The claimed system functions without any check as to configuration of the remote system. Thus, Slivka, et al. fails to teach broadcast, selected retrieval and installation of a device driver.

Additionally, the limitations that allow for selective rollback to earlier versions are not taught by Slivka, et al, nor does it teach for transition to an alternative driver or rollback to an earlier version.

For this reason, all proposed claims are patentably distinct over the art of record and in condition for allowance thereover.
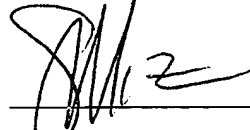
CONCLUSION

In view of the forgoing, it respectfully submitted that all proposed claims are allowable over the art of record. Entry of the proposed amendment and allowance of all claims is respectfully requested.

If there are any uncovered fees, or any overpayments, necessitated by the foregoing communication, please charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0902, referencing our Docket No. 66329/14561.

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